



PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Electronic Meeting - Virtual
November 26, 2020**

PRESENT: Terry Kelly, Committee Chair
Bill Ramore
Gerald Brochu
Ronald Roy

Rob Currie
Robert Effinger
Wendy Joyce St. Denis

STAFF Jason Trottier, CAO
PRESENT: Tom Slack, Manager of Recreation & Facilities
Jenna Cowden, Recreation Coordinator

1. Call to order

Committee Chair, Terry Kelly called the meeting to order at 1:32pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Adoption of the Agenda as follows:

2020-01

Moved by Rob Currie

Seconded by Robert Effinger

THAT the draft agenda presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee and dated the 26th day of November be adopted as circulated.

Carried Chair, Terry Kelly

3. Accepting the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s):

Adoption of the Minutes as follows:

2020-02

Moved by Ronald Roy

Seconded by Rob Currie

THAT the draft minutes presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee dated the 30th day of June be adopted as circulated.

Carried Chair, Terry Kelly

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None for this session.

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

None for this session.

5. Chair's Comments:

Committee Chair, Terry Kelly formally welcomed new committee member Wendy Joyce St. Denis.

Committee Chair, Terry Kelly expressed that although the world is upside down right now, the Municipal Staff has done an excellent job at keeping all the facilities accessible to the community and running as safely as possible during this time.

6. Delegations to Committee:

None for this session

7. Committee Reports:

a) Volunteer Recognition Program Policy

Deferred to the next committee meeting.

b) Parks By-Law

Deferred to the next committee meeting.

8. Correspondence and Information Items:

a) A letter of Resignation from Lydia Weiskopf-Tran was accepted at the Regular Meeting of Council held September 22nd, 2020. Council sent a letter of thanks to Lydia for her contribution to the community.

b) At the Regular Council Meeting held October 27th, 2020, the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris appointed Wendy Joyce St. Denis to fulfill the vacancy on the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee. Wendy moved to East Ferris five years ago and is eager to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity for organized and unorganized sports and activities.

c) Manager of Recreation and Facilities, Tom Slack discussed the safety measures the East Ferris Community Centre is taking, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. A Safety Plan was created, along with protocol guidelines and waivers to be signed by all facility users. These documents are a guide for the safe operations of the East Ferris Community Centre in accordance with provincial guidelines as set by the province and the local Health Unit to minimize the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

d) Manager of Recreation and Facilities, Tom Slack provided the Committee with Recreational Updates as follows:

Docks were taken out Thanksgiving weekend.

Hall and Meeting Room Rentals have significantly reduced with all the restrictions in place, and with the amount of sanitization time needed. Club Action 50+ has deferred their monthly activities at this time.

Ice rentals are down 30-35% compared to a normal year.

Tennis/Pickleball Courts were just recently taken down. They were left in place while the weather was nice.

It was confirmed that the Winter Carnival for 2021 has been cancelled.

Committee Chair, Terry Kelly provided the committee with an update on the Fitness Center and the safety measures that have been taken to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 amongst the facility users.

- e) Minor Hockey Registrations have gone down slightly. Their registrations are at 83% compared to last year.
- f) Curling season has begun. Manager of Recreation and Facilities, Tom Slack mentioned that curling numbers have decreased compared to a normal year.

10. Action Items:

- a) The East Ferris Sport Recognition Program received nominations for The East Ferris Sport Hall of Fame and the East Ferris Annual Sport Recognition Award for 2020.

The committee discussed the nominations based on the criteria as set out in the Municipality of East Ferris Sports Awards and Recognition Policy.

It was determined that further information and clarification was required for the submission for one of the nominations. Jenna Cowden, Recreation Coordinator will follow up with the nominator to obtain the information and share with the committee at the next meeting.

11. Other Business:

None for this session.

12. In Camera (if required)

None for this session.

13. Adjournment.

**2020-03
Moved by
Seconded by**

THAT we do now adjourn at 2:32 p.m. and meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried Chair, Terry Kelly